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Oratia Reserve will have much to offer in future

As no suitable scheme has been put forward to develop a 70-acre reserve at Parrs Cross Rd, it may now be developed on a long-term plan.

It was originally planned to develop the reserve, owned by the Waitemata County Council, into an all-purpose sports ground.

Now the Waikumete Riding has offered to develop about 10-acres of the reserve with the help of a subsidy from the council.

A county spokesman said last week in this way the county would be able to gauge public use of the reserve and plan for the needs of the future

The Riding's suggestion, which has already been endorsed by the Titirangi and Green Bay County Towns, will be considered by the council later this month.

The council put the plan to develop the reserve to the Green Bay, Titirangi, Kelston and Te Atatu County Towns and to the Glen Eden, New Lynn and Henderson Borough Councils last year and asked for proposals on the best means of developing and financing the scheme.

A plan released by the Waitemata County Council showed 15 grassed sports fields for football, cricket, athletics and softball. There is also provision for bowls, tennis, basketball and croquet.

There would also be room on the reserve for a full-sized swimming pool; a mile and a quarter circuit for horse events; a four-mile circuit for harriers and off-field provision for cricket and football practice.